

News Items.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—In the case of Francis McMan against Louis Clapham, for libel, in sending a letter to the War Department, during the war, charging him with disloyalty, the plaintiff recovered a verdict of \$3,000. This is the case in which Secretary Stanton declined to produce the original letter, alleging it was a private communication.

Three suicides were committed in New Orleans to-day.

A National Union Convention.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—A. W. Randall, First Assistant Postmaster-General, with Senators Doolittle and Cowan, and others, forming the Executive Committee of the National Union Club, of this city, have issued a call for a National Union Convention, of at least two delegates from each Congressional District of all the States, two from each Territory, two from the District of Columbia, and four delegates at large from each State, to be held at Philadelphia, on the second Tuesday of August next. Such delegates will be chosen by the electors of the several States, who sustain the Administration in maintaining unbroken the union of the States, under the Constitution which our fathers established, and who agree in certain propositions, including the maintenance inviolate of the rights of the States, and especially of the right of each State to order and control its own domestic concerns, according to its judgment, exclusively, subject only to the constitution of the United States, as essential to the balance of power on which the perfection and endurance of our political fabric depends; and the overthrow of the system by the usurpation and centralization of power in Congress, would be a revolution dangerous to a republican Government, and destructive of liberty. The holding of the Convention is endorsed by Senators Dixon, Hendrick, Norton and Nesmith, of New York.

Later from Europe.

NEW YORK, June 25.—The steamship Germania has arrived from Southampton, with dates to the 12th instant. The sales of cotton on Monday were 1,000 bales. Market firm and prices unchanged. Breadstuffs firm. Provisions steady. Produce quiet and steady.

LONDON, June 12.—Consols 86½@86½. Five-twenty 65½@65½.

France has received the rumor of an expected Imperial message and an issue of new loan as unfounded, and should M. Rouher be questioned on the policy of the Government, he will only repeat his 3d of May declaration.

Marshal O'Donnell has expressed apprehensions that 1866 will not pass without Spain having to defend her territory. The passport system in Austria has been introduced. The Emperor has started for the headquarters of the army of the North. The Austrian Ambassador has not left Berlin.

The popular indication in Bavaria against Prussia continues. Efforts are being made to induce the King to change the ministry, who maintain the policy of declaring against the power that shall commence war.

Austria protested against the entry of Prussian troops into Holstein, declaring such act to be in violation of the Gastein Convention. The Prussians have occupied three important points, and will immediately occupy three others.

LIVERPOOL, June 12.—Evening.—Sales of cotton for the two days 18,000 bales. Market firm and unchanged. Middlings 13½d. Flour firm. Wheat steady. Corn steady, at 28½@29s. 6d. for mixed.

LONDON, June 12.—Evening.—Consols closed at 86½@86½ for money. American stocks nominal—five-twenty 64½@65½.

The London Times, of the 13th, says the diplomatic rupture between Prussia and Austria is now complete. The Austrian Minister demanded his passports and I was to have left that day. Such a consummation was to be expected, after the correspondence which passed between the two Governments during the last few days.

The despatches of Count Benedek went beyond every other such document, in directness, in investive and provocative, and it has been replied to by the Count Mensdorff in a more guarded style, but in language which shows offended pride and unconquerable resolution. The Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs makes a solemn protest against the proceeding in Holstein, and the statements by which it has been attempted to justify them. He declines all responsibility for the consequences, and declares that for months he has taken up a position which endangered the foreign settlement. In conclusion, Count Mensdorff reserves to the Imperial Government the right of taking such steps as may be found necessary. Nothing remains for Austria but to defend her honor and guard her rights from contempt.

The portentous intelligence that Garibaldi has reached Como is announced. Here was the escape of his former brilliant exploits.

The letter of Napoleon to his foreign Minister was read on the 12th. He says, had the Conference met, the Emperor declares that France would have repudiated all idea of territorial aggrandizement, so long as the European equilibrium remained undisturbed, much preferring a good understanding with her neighbors to any territorial acquisition. France would have accepted the German Confederation as a more worthy position for Prussia, better geographical boundaries; and for Austria, the maintenance of her great position in Europe after the cession of Venetia to Italy, in exchange for territorial compensation. Though the Conference has failed, France, the Emperor thinks, will not have to draw the sword; but will continue to observe an attentive neutrality. The letter was received with loud cheers by the members.

In the suggestion of M. Rouher, the Chamber, by a large majority, decided against entering on the debate upon the affairs of Germany and Italy.

Still Later from Europe.

FARTHER POINT, June 25.—The steamer Morevian passed here to-day, with dates from Liverpool to the 15th.

It was rumored that Austria had declared war, but the latest news do not confirm it. The Emperor of Austria, on the 11th, in a speech, said he had done everything else, and now would have to resort to the sword.

Cotton advanced ¼d. to 1½d. Sales of the week 70,000 bales. Middling Orleans, 14½@14½. The stock at Liverpool amounted to 1,000,000 bales. Consols closed at 86½; fives, 50.

Large Fenian Meeting.

NEW YORK, June 25.—The Fenian gathering at Jones' Wood, yesterday, comprised 10,000 persons. Stevens delivered an address, in which he handled the leaders in the Canadian affair severely—closing his address by advising his countrymen, as their duties to their adopted country and the work before them, to repair the injuries done to Ireland by the late fiasco.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—In the Senate, Mr. Poland offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to inquire whether a tract of land of about 350 acres, adjoining or very near the city of Washington, can be obtained, at a reasonable price, for a public park, and a site for a Presidential mansion, which was adopted. The bill was then discussed and passed. Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported the tariff bill, which was ordered to be printed and made the special order for Thursday next. A resolution was adopted, increasing the salaries of certain classes of employees of the House twenty-five per cent. The House refused to entertain the introduction of a resolution calling on the President to inform the House what steps, if any, had been taken to interfere with the good offices of the United States Government with Great Britain in behalf of the Fenians recently captured in Canada. The tariff bill, introduced to-day, is the longest ever reported, and its consideration, in the House, is likely to last the whole week, as there are many points which will occasion discussion.

Napoleon and Mexico.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—A letter from a distinguished source, in Paris, communicates the following to the Mexican Legation in this city:

"The steamer which is about to leave St. Nazaire, for Mexico, will carry, I am assured, an autograph letter from Napoleon to Maximilian, which demands that the Mexican custom houses shall be placed under French administration, as a guarantee for the Mexican loan converted into three per cent; and, in default of the acceptance of this proposition by the Mexican Government, our troops will be immediately recalled. On the contrary, if an arrangement is effected, the terms announced for the departure of the French troops will be maintained."

Market Reports.

NEW YORK, June 25.—Noon.—Gold 52½. Exchange 10. Cotton dull, at 37½@38. 7 P. M.—Cotton closed dull, at 37½@38. Flour declined 10¢@20¢, with sales of 5,500 barrels.—State, \$6.20@6.30; Ohio, \$6.60@6.75; Southern, \$10.20@10.35. Wheat dull and unchanged, with nominal sales. Corn declined 10¢@20¢, with sales of 33,000 bushels, at 90½@93. Beef steady. Pork heavy; with sales of 7,000 barrels, at 31½@31¾. Lard, sugar and naval stores dull. Freights active. Gold, 53.

NEW ORLEANS, June 25.—Cotton steady, with sales of 1,000 bales; low middling, 5½@56. Gold, 50½. Bank sterling, 63.

Trial of O'Jenks, a Fenian.

The Missouri Democrat gives the proceedings in a Fenian trial, in which one of the witnesses deposed as follows:

Q. Do you know O'Jenks?

A. O who?

Q. O'Jenks, the prisoner.

A. Oh, Jenks; yes, I am slightly acquainted with him.

Q. How long?

A. About five ten at breakfast, but fully six feet about lunch time.

Q. I mean, for what period of time have you known him?

A. Since the year of the Convention. I cut his acquaintance after he took the test oath.

Q. Did you hear him make a speech at Cahokia, on Tuesday night? If so, relate, verbatim, et literatim, et punctatim, et speltation, precisely what he said, and imitate his manner, actions and gestures.

A. He first sat on a cotton-wood stump, with his elbows on his knees and his chin resting upon the palms of his hands. Gazing into the crystal depths of the Mississippi, he said: Romans, countrymen, and finny ones: if to love the blue eyes of Erin's fair daughters; if to have a weakness for strong Irish whiskey; if to hate being gored by a bull named John; if to have been with Sherman to see the contrabands; I say, if this be treason, I am a traitor, and the Executive Attorney can put that in his pipe and smoke it. He then drew from his vest pocket a round quart bottle, and poured the contents into a hole.

Q. What sort of a hole?

A. I think it was a rat hole, for it could not be filled.

Q. Did you hear him use this expression, "I intend to walk into Canada," or anything like it?

A. Yes; he said there was a fellow named Kennedy, who had tied a tin pan to the tail of his black-and-tan, and the first chance he got, he would "walk into Kennedy like a thousand of bricks."

The First Blood.—The Adjutant-General of Virginia, in his report for the year 1861, has the following:

"J. Q. Marr—Graduated July 4, 1864. Lawyer. Member of the Virginia Convention. Entered military service as captain of Virginia volunteers April, 1861. Killed at Fairfax Court House, May 31, 1861. First blood of the war."

J. Q. Marr was commissioned "a Lieutenant-Colonel in the active volunteer forces of the State, to rank as such from the 2d day of May, 1861." It was signed by Governor Letcher on the 5th of that month, and directed to him at Harper's Ferry. Being on duty at another point, it never reached him. Several months after his death, it was enclosed to a member of his family, who still retains it, by a clerk in the Confederate States dead letter office at Richmond.

The New York Express, referring to the Missouri "Butcher," McNeill, whose record it says "is likely to live in eternal reproach," adds:

"There are some other Generals who, under cover of 'unconditional loyalty,' perpetrated acts, during the war, which were overlooked in the confusion and excitement of the time, but which are rising up now, in a variety of forms, to confront and condemn them. Nemesis may sometimes seem to sleep, but in these cases she follows up and holds on to her subjects with remorseless grip."

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TEXAS.—The election in Texas takes place on the 25th of June. IOWA.—Rev. Josiah Grinnell, the sitting member of Congress from the Fourth District, failed to get the radical nomination. He was beaten by Judge Longbridge, who received 88 votes, to 69 for Grinnell.

CONNECTICUT.—Gov. Hawley, who received "the first official copy," has already sent in to the State Senate the proposed "amendment" of the radical reconstructionists. It was made the special order for Friday, the 22d.

NEBRASKA.—The Constitution providing for State government in Nebraska has been adopted by a vote of the people. The Democratic victory in the State is now generally conceded, though the returns of the election are not all in, but enough to show that probably Morton (Democrat) and the whole ticket is elected, and that the Legislature is about divided. When it is remembered that this has been a radical territory, and that the last delegate was elected over Miller (Democrat) two years ago, by about 1,000 majority, the change of sentiment will be appreciated.

KANSAS, MISSOURI, MARYLAND, ILLINOIS AND VERMONT.—The re-election of Senators Brown, of Missouri, and Pomeroy, of Kansas, whose terms expire in March next, will both be sharply contested, and so also will that of Senators Cresswell, of Maryland, and Trumbull, of Illinois, and the Vermont Senators, appointed by the Governor to fill vacancies, are by no means certain of confirmation by the Legislature.

INDIANA.—At the Democratic Convention in the Seventh Indiana Congressional District, the following resolution was adopted: "That the restoration policy of President Johnson, and his gallant defence of the same, excites and receives our warmest approval and highest admiration; and that we pledge to him and to the country our best efforts to send to Congress from this District an open, bold and manly defender and supporter of that policy, in the place of the time-serving, weak and vacillating member chosen by the radical Congress, in place of the gallant Voorhees, elected by the people."

TENNESSEE.—Gov. Brownlow has issued a proclamation calling the Legislature of the State to meet at Nashville the 4th of July, for the purpose of ratifying the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, just proposed by Congress.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Col. Forney is a candidate for the United States Senate, to succeed Mr. Cowan, whose term expires next March, and is working hard for the position which he covets.

The Fenians Again.

There was a rumor in Toronto, Canada West, on Wednesday, that the Canadian volunteers were about to be called to the field again. The oath of allegiance was being administered to all suspected parties—a dodge borrowed from the Yankees. There is talk of a noted Fenian colonel being among the prisoners, under an alias.

A party of Fenians, shipped at Portland, Maine, as crew of the ship Annie McKenzie, mutinied and made an unsuccessful attempt to seize the vessel, on the trip to Montreal. The first and second mates are in prison at Montreal.

Head-Centre Stephens arrived in New York on Wednesday evening. Mr. Stephens met the Centres of the Manhattan, Long Island and Jersey City Circles, at about 8 o'clock, at No. 19 Chatham street. A preamble and series of resolutions were read and adopted. The action of Mr. Stephens was endorsed. His recent movements between New York and Richmond were pronounced a success for the cause of Fenianism. The action of England required renewed exertions on the part of the Brotherhood. Mr. Stephens replied by thanking the Centres for their renewed expressions, on their faith, in his ability and devotion. He then retired to his apartments at the Metropolitan Hotel. On Sunday next, Mr. Stephens will deliver an address and instructions to the Fenian Brotherhood of America. A large gathering is expected.

There are extensive preparations being made in New York for the open-air indignation mass meeting of the Fenians, to be held at Union Square, on next Monday evening, to give expression to their opinion of the course of the Government during the late raid. Money is still reported flowing into the coffers of the Roberts faction, and daily accessions of Circles which have deserted the standard of Stephens and O'Mahony.

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NORTH CAROLINA.—Mr. John O'Connor, of Newbern, N. C., has had a bout with the Bureau, in which he has come out second best, up to this time, but he intends to carry the case before the President. He was summoned before the Bureau on the charge of maltreating a negro woman. He denied the jurisdiction of the Bureau, but he was fined. The Magistrate's Court undertook to pass upon his case; whereupon the Bureau threatened to arrest the justices, who, however, proceeded to try the case, despite the threats. Mr. O'Connor's counsel then produced before the Bureau Court a certified copy of the records of the Special Magistrate's Court in O'Connor's case, and showed that his client was now in the hands of the civil authorities to answer the charge against him, and claimed his discharge from military custody. The Bureau refused to look at the documents or to recognize the action of the Court, and demanded the fine of fifty dollars, which O'Connor paid.

The case now goes up to Governor Worth, to be by him laid before the President.

We trust that the President will interpose to stop this intolerable interference of the military with the civil authorities. The point has been settled by Judge Nelson, of the Supreme Court, that all such proceedings are unlawful and unconstitutional.—Richmond Dispatch.

GEORGIA.—"Quondam," a correspondent of the New York Times, writing from Macon, thus refers to the "Bureau," and its workings in Georgia:

Let any impartial observer compare the condition of society in Southwestern Georgia, where the Bureau is not universally known and felt, with that of Augusta, Atlanta, Macon or Savannah, where agents are as numerous as blackberries, and if he does not agree with me that both black and white are happier, more contented, on better terms with each other, more virtuous and more industrious, where the Bureau is in total eclipse than where its full effulgence is felt, I am ready to confess myself mistaken.

So long as the old slave codes were unrepealed, and the negroes were deprived of legal protection and the right to appeal to the Courts, every one agreed that there was a manifest necessity for the establishment of some authority to see that the freedmen were secure against wrong. It could not have been expected that the sudden emancipation of so many millions of negroes could have been attended with so little disturbance of the peace and good order of the country. It was the duty of the Government to provide the most certain protection of the emancipated slaves, and this was generally conceded, although the manner in which the duty was performed was very unanimously condemned, and not without reason.

The exploits of the General Wilds and Chaplain Frenches and Captain Bryants, of the Freedmen's Bureau, who first introduced the institution in Georgia, challenge competition in their excess of outrage and merciless oppression. But from the hour that the Legislature passed laws placing the negro on the same footing as the white man before the law, and the Courts were re-opened, and the authority of the civil magistrates of the State restored, the Freedmen's Bureau was as unnecessary in Georgia as it would be in Vermont.

INTERESTING CONVERSATION WITH THE EMPEROR OF FRANCE.—The Paris correspondent (June 5) of the National Intelligence says:

"I had communicated to me, a few days since, the chief points of a conversation, held